

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 14 and 18, and ADD new claims 21-35 in accordance with the following:

1-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an image processing apparatus, the method comprising:
removably receiving a portable storage unit in a host unit;
determining whether the portable storage unit includes an execution file ~~or an image data file; and~~
executing an application program of the image processing apparatus; and
~~executing a function of the image processing apparatus corresponding to the execution~~
file stored in the portable storage unit as a plug-in program of the application program executed
in the image processing apparatus, if the portable storage unit stores the execution file,
~~wherein the execution file includes a plug-in program.~~

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
recognizing the portable storage unit as a general storage medium when the portable storage unit includes no execution file or the function for the image processing apparatus is not executed.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the execution file is connected to a main program, and is executed in the image processing apparatus.

18. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus having at least one host unit

removably receiving a portable storage unit for storing one of image data and an execution file, the apparatus comprising:

a detection unit detecting whether the portable storage unit is connected to the host unit, and determining whether the portable storage unit includes an execution file ~~or an image data file~~ when detecting the portable storage unit is connected to the host unit; and

a control unit executing ~~a function of the image processing apparatus corresponding to the execution file stored in the portable storage unit~~ as a plug-in program of an application program executed by the image processing apparatus, if the detection unit detects the execution file in the portable storage unit;

~~wherein the execution file includes a plug-in program.~~

19. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 18, wherein if the function of the image processing apparatus is not executed, or the portable storage unit does not store the execution file, the control unit recognizes the portable storage unit as a general storage medium.

20. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 18, wherein the plug-in program is connected to a main program, and is executed in the image processing apparatus.

21. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the plug-in program does not have an independent interface and can only be used by being connected with the application program.

22. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the plug-in program provides an interface/communication protocol functionality for communicating with a new external apparatus.

23. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the plug-in program provides a new printer function that was not previously supported by the image processing apparatus.

24. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the plug-in program provides an upgrade printer function.

25. (New) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
determining whether the portable storage unit includes an image data file; and
performing printer operations of the image processing apparatus according to the image

data file included in the portable storage unit.

26. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the host unit comprises a card slot to receive a data card and an interface card for data communication with an external apparatus.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, further comprising:
detecting whether a memory card installed in the card slot is the data card or the interface card; and
upon determining that the interface card is installed in the card slot, executing the interface card and controlling data communication with the external apparatus according to the executing interface card.

28. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the plug-in program does not have an independent interface and can only be used by being connected with the application program.

29. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the plug-in program provides an interface/communication protocol functionality for communicating with a new external apparatus.

30. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the plug-in program provides a new printer function that was not previously supported by the image processing apparatus.

31. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the plug-in program provides an upgrade printer function.

32. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the detection unit determines whether the portable storage unit includes an image data file when it is detected that the portable storage unit is connected to the host unit.

33. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 32, further comprising:
a printer unit to perform printing operations according to the image data file included in the portable storage unit.

34. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 18, wherein the host unit comprises a card slot to receive a data card and an interface card for data communication with an external apparatus.

35. (New) The image processing apparatus of claim 34, further comprising:
a detecting unit to detect whether a memory card installed in the card slot is the data card or the interface card; and

a control unit to determine whether to execute the interface card, if the interface card is installed in the card slot according to the detection unit, and to communicate with the external apparatus via the interface card.